

**Testimony Submitted By Suzanne Bates, Policy Director for the Yankee Institute for Public Policy to the Housing Committee in support of HB 6128**

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The Yankee Institute for Public Policy is a Connecticut think tank that develops policy solutions to promote a smart, limited government, fairness for taxpayers and an open road to opportunity for the people of our state.

The Yankee Institute supports House Bill 6128. The bill would make sensible changes to general statute 8-30g, changes that are necessary to make the law more sustainable for the state's municipalities.

Connecticut is built on the principle that local governments are best suited to meet the needs of state residents. The affordable housing mandates, as outlined in 8-30g, represent a significant infringement on local control and place a burden on some of our state's smallest towns. If this statute applied to counties instead of towns, you would likely see that these needs are already being met regionally.

The proposed changes to the law would give local governments greater flexibility to meet the needs of all of their residents, while still fulfilling the statute's original purpose.